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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS

Let us start with those in which there might presumably be the most tension

1. China. Here we have, in effect, agreed to disagree.

2. Southeast Asia. a) Laos. Dependent on 3 Princes.
   b) South Vietnam. We are in charge of training, etc.
   c) Thailand. No substantial differences, though our attitude toward its defense is more aggressive.

3. Nuclear Tests. U.K. Governmental position is in support of U.S. Some minorities castigate us. Placarding of Embassy. Read Ld. Russell's letter.

4. U.N. Here British are more sceptical of its operations, present and potential, than we are. Feel U.N. troops should not be used to impose political solutions. This leads into the consideration of differing views on Colonialism.

5. Colonialism. British feel that having since the war given independence to 600 million people, and supported the consequent governments, they should not be hurried into the grant of independence of their remaining overseas possessions until in their judgment the countries concerned are prepared to establish and maintain reasonably democratic regimes. U.S. has been sympathetic to this policy.

   In connection with it, British have several vexatious situations--those pose[d] by (1) white settlers in Kenya, (2) white settlers in the Rhodesias (read letter from Cornelius).

   Also, sharp difference in respective assessments of situation in Congo. Do not fear Communist takeover to extent we do. However, they are opposed to Katanga secession. Do not support fully our stand on how to finance Central Government, i.e., pressure on Union Moniere and Tanganyika concessions.

   Fundamentally, think they know much more about African affairs than we do, and are more patient about them.

6. Common Market. Would like U.S. to be as quiet as possible. Very complicated problem for them domestically.

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